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U.S. INTELLIGENCE INTRIGUES EXPOSED

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(Text) / Moscow--The American intelligence agencies were exposed once again today by two Soviet citizens at a big press conference in Moscow. Aleksey Popov, acting head of the USSR Foreign Ministry Press Department, opening the press conference, presented to 300 Soviet and foreign journalists Aleksey Golub and Nikolay Vokhrayakov, who during tourist trips abroad decided to stay outside the USSR and fell into the hands of U.S. intelligence. Experiencing for themselves the "delights" of the capitalist world, the men who had defected were soon disappointed and returned home.

In a statement made at the press conference, a spokesman of the USSR Foreign Ministry recalled the vociferous anti-Soviet campaign raised in the pages of Western bourgeois newspapers in connection with the Golub affair in order to smear the Soviet Union. Western reactionary circles, he emphasized, do not scruple to disseminate crude lies and slander; they stop short of nothing that can somehow intensify the "cold war" and poison the international atmosphere. American intelligence acts unceremoniously in the countries of the Western bloc with little regard for their sovereignty and national dignity, Popov said. In this context the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry drew the attention of the journalists to the fact that Dutch intelligence, with the direct participation of official authorities, resorted to crude provocations against the Soviet tourist Irina Alekseyeva, Golub's wife, to induce her to turn traitor to the homeland.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated: "The activity of imperialist intelligence agencies, and of the authorities that harbor them, against Soviet people traveling abroad always constitutes an act that is hostile to our country, leads to the worsening and complication of relations between the country concerned and the Soviet Union, to the heightening of tensions, and to the complication of the normal development of cultural and other ties between the nations. And responsibility for this is borne by the Western countries."

"Western reactionary quarters," Aleksey Popov emphasized, "have always failed and will always fail in their provocative designs on Soviet people."

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